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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, December 16th.

A Havas message says:—  
Before leaving for the United States, Mr. Frank Polk, the American delegate, expressed optimism, saying that no doubt Germany was going to accede to the Allies' just demands.  
Rumania was ready to sign her signature to the Treaty of St. Germain. The Treaty with Hungary was ready. Thus, the laborious structure of world peace was about to be achieved.  
Mr. Polk concluded by reiterating his admiration for France.  
Paris circles state that Germany is manifestly preparing to sign the protocol thus permitting the Peace Treaty to take effect.  
M. Marcel Frosset, author of "A Ombre de Jeanne d'Arc", has been awarded the annual French literature prize known as Prix Goncourt.  
Luk Tsang-shing, the head of the Chinese Delegation at the Peace Conference, left Versailles on December 5th en route for China.  
Two hundred Chinese students have arrived at Marseilles, being the first of 6,000 young Chinese men and women who are coming to study Western civilization and science.  
Life is organizing its first international exhibition for the restoration of Northern France—opening in May next and lasting until October—on a vast scale. Support is being promised from all over the world.  
M. Clemenceau left Paris last night and arrived in London this morning. Signor Beldoin, the Italian Foreign Minister, is in London. It is understood that he and M. Clemenceau will discuss with the British Cabinet the future Allied policy.  
The French Press has devoted many columns of comment to the visit of M. Clemenceau being very reserved on Russian questions but in special stress on the economic side of the mission.  
Of vital importance to France is the speedy settlement of the coal and financial questions.

### AN ECHO OF YERDUN.

PARIS, December 16th.  
The passenger who was killed in an aeroplane crash at Caterham was an American named Mr. Rand, President of a Marine Trust Company in Buffalo. One of his last acts was to offer 500,000 francs for a monument to commemorate the burial of the battalion of Frenchmen who were overwhelmed in a trench at Yerdun. M. Clemenceau had accepted the offer.

### THE "CASTOR" A TOTAL LOSS.

LONDON, December 16th.  
The owners fear that the steamer *Castor* which has not been heard of since she left Singapore on November 18th, for Haiphong has been lost in a typhoon.

### COLLECTING FOR THE ZOO.

LONDON, December 16th.  
Mr. Wilfred Fothergill, proceeding immediately on a tour of the Malay Archipelago with a view to restocking the London Zoo.  
He proceeds to Singapore, thence to Java, Macassar, and Amboina, spending a month in the Aroe Islands. The trip includes visits to the north coast of New Guinea, Serang, Ternate, Waigeo and Schouten Islands.  
Thus, he proposes to visit localities seldom reached by collectors and hopes to secure specimens of the *Babir Russa* (the pig of the Malay Archipelago), kangaroo, opossum and tree kangaroo, and the orang and gibbons at Singapore.  
He hopes to obtain representative specimens of most of the local birds throughout the trip.

### NEW EAST ASIATIC YESSEL.

LONDON, December 16th.  
The world's greatest motor-ship, the *Africa* (1,400 tons) belonging to the East Asiatic Company, has been launched at Copenhagen. She has two Diesel motors together indicating 4,500 horse power.

### SIBERIAN BUTTER SUPPLIES.

LONDON, December 16th.  
The Food Controller, referring to the statement that in May last the Ministry refused to purchase 10,000 tons of Siberian butter which had been offered cheaply, says that it was true a small quantity of such butter might have been acquired, but it was not fit for consumption and would have been dear as a gift. He had recently been able to buy 300 tons in better condition at a price corresponding to the price of Canadian and Danish butter.  
The Ministry wished to re-open the butter trade with Siberia, because, before the war, Britain was accustomed to buy 20,000 tons annually from Siberia, and the absence of Siberian supplies was largely responsible for the present reduced ration.

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## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(By Courtesy of the Hongkong Daily Press.)

### RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION AND SHANSI COALFIELDS.

PEKING, December 15th.  
An agreement has just been concluded between the Shansi Provincial Government and the Kailan Mining Administration with a view to co-operation for the exploitation of the rich coalfields in Shansi. The agreement is preliminary in character. It furnishes a signal proof of the confidence of the Chinese in British co-operation and the establishment by the Administration of big undertakings in China.

### STRIKE OF EDUCATIONALISTS.

The Professorial strike commenced today at the University, Colleges, and High-schools. No classes assembled.

### AMERICAN ADMIRAL'S VISIT.

The Chinese Government has detailed Lieut.-Commander Tu Chang-chu, to act as aide-de-camp to Admiral Gleaves, who arrives at Chingwangtao on Sunday in the flagship *South Dakota*. The Government places a special car at the disposal of Colonel Gulick, Commandant of the American Legation Guard and Commander Huthaline, American Naval Attache, who will meet the Admiral.

## CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(By arrangement with Wah Tsz Tai Po.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16.  
Wong Jim Yiu the Hupoh Tschun informs the Peking Government that owing to the boycott movement Hankow and Wuchang have been proclaimed under martial law.  
The Russian Minister at Peking protests against the cancellation of Mongolian independence. He points out that the independence was agreed upon by three Powers and that the cancellation without the Russians' consent cannot be considered valid.  
The Cabinet has sanctioned the Urga vice-commissioner's request that immediately the Mongolians make known their independence the Peking Government will undertake to pay off the debts of the Mongolian Government and that no Chinese troops will be despatched to stations in Mongolia.  
Wong Tai Sit is said to have been recommended to fill the post as Minister at Tokyo.  
The Diplomatic Body has promised to hand over the custom surplus by the end of this month.  
The Kiangsu Educational Association telegraphed to the cabinet requesting the severest punishment of troops who had committed an outrage at the silk industrial girl school.  
The Fukienese request the Peking Government to appoint Lam Cheung Man the ex-Minister of Justice to deal with the Foochow Affair.  
Owing to the school teachers' strike it has been proposed that the New Year holiday should take place earlier.  
General Chu Shu Tsang intends to proceed to the North West frontier with 3 brigades of troops. Before starting he asks Parliament to vote a sum of \$3,000,000 for expenses.

### PROPOSED BRIDGE FROM JOHORE TO SINGAPORE.

It has long been decided by the Federated Malay States Railway authorities to bridge the Johore Straits. The war interfered with the scheme, which was held up on that account. Work has already begun. The plan is to build a causeway to link up Singapore, Island and Johore. Complete connection by rail will then have been established between Singapore, the whole of Malaya and Siam.  
The cost of the work is estimated at \$1,000,000 and it will take five years to complete. An immense impetus to trade will be afforded by this new development. Two million tons of grain will be required. To enable ships to continue to pass the Straits after the causeway has been built, a lock will be built on the Johore side. The length between hills will be 170ft., width 32ft., and depth of water on silts 10ft. at low tide. Electric power will be used in operating the various slides, and for working the lock gates. A rolling lift bridge, also operated by electricity, will carry the road and railway over the lock.

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## AUSTRALIAN SHIPBUILDING YARDS.

Some interesting particulars of the work of Australian shipbuilding yards up to the commencement of this year are given in a paper read by Mr. J. Leask, M.I.N.A., before the Melbourne Section of the Junior Institution of Engineers. At Sydney there are four yards, of which the most important is the Cockatoo Island Yard, now owned by the Commonwealth Government. This yard formerly belonged to the New South Wales Government, and was at first employed on general repair work, docking and slipway work. Little or no new building work was carried out until an order was placed for the construction of the light cruiser "Brisbane," and work on the hull of this vessel was well advanced when the yard was purchased by the Commonwealth Government. The destroyer "Warrago," constructed by the Fairfield Company at Govan, was shipped to Sydney and re-erected at Cockatoo Island. This work, as well as that on the "Brisbane," having proved entirely satisfactory, appears to have given a fresh impetus to the Australian shipbuilding industry. Since that time another light cruiser, the "Adelaide," has been launched, and three destroyers have been completed, as well as lightships, launches and other small craft. There are at present under construction a fleet collier and a cargo vessel for the Commonwealth Government line of steamers. The former vessel is the first steel ship to be built entirely of Australian material. It is designed to carry 4,000 tons of coal, 1,250 tons of oil, and 750 tons of fresh water for the fleet, as well as about 1,000 tons of bunker coal.  
The principal work of the Morts Dock, Sydney, is dry-docking, slipway work and repairs, although various types of vessels have been constructed for local owners, and two oil storage vessels were constructed in 1912 and 1913 for the Australian Navy. Messrs. Morrison and Sinclair, another Sydney firm, are builders principally of wooden ships, and Messrs. Pool and Steel, formerly of Sydney, have now removed to Adelaide, where they will probably build vessels for the Commonwealth Government line. Owing to the suitability of local timber, Tasmania seems to be best adapted for the construction of wooden ships. There are two firms at Hobart, viz., Messrs. Furdon and Featherston, and Messrs. Kennedy, engaged in the construction of this class of vessel. There is also a shipyard at Devonport, Tasmania, where it is understood that two vessels for the Commonwealth line are to be built. Williamstown Shipyard, near Melbourne, originally owned by the Government of Victoria, has recently been taken over by the Commonwealth Government. The construction work consisted chiefly of dredging plant, but dry-docking and repairs were also carried out. Two vessels are now under construction for the Commonwealth line. Messrs. Grey Brothers, of Williamstown, have successfully carried out the important operation of lengthening a vessel, and have also constructed some dumb hopper barges, but are now engaged in shipbuilding work. Hopper barges have also been constructed by Messrs. Johnson and Sons, of Melbourne. Wooden ships have been built from time to time at a few establishments in Queensland, and vessels for the Commonwealth line are about to be constructed at a yard at Maryborough. Pearling luggers are also built by Japanese labour at Thursday Island.

One of the most recently constructed yards, and one which promises largely to influence the shipbuilding industry in Australia is that at Walsh Island, Newcastle, N.S.W. The yard is situated in a coal centre and is directly opposite the Broken Hill steel works, where plates, sections, and steel castings are produced. Its favourable location should be of material assistance in the matter of cheap production. Dredgers, hopper barges, trawlers, and other craft have already been built in this yard, and six steamers for the Commonwealth line are now in course of construction. There is ample room for extension, and a dozen berths could easily be laid down if required. The yard, which is under the management of Mr. A. M. Bomphrey, has its own engine shops, so that vessels can be constructed and supplied complete with machinery. A considerable number of launches have been built in other establishments in Australia, and doubtless some of these yards could be adapted for the construction of larger vessels. It would thus appear that the shipbuilding industry of the Commonwealth has a very promising future, and although it is, of course, preferable for Australia to construct her own ships than to purchase them from foreign countries, it must not be forgotten that one of our means of paying for the Australian produce we need will be diminished by the development of the Australian shipbuilding industry.

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GEO. P. LAMMERT,

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Hongkong, December 16, 1919.

## INTIMATIONS.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER  
COMPANY (1918) LIMITED.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
the first ORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING of Shareholders will be  
held at the Office of the Company,  
St. George's Building, Chater Road,  
Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY,  
the 20th December, 1919, at 11.30  
o'clock, in the forenoon, for the purpose  
of receiving a statement of accounts and  
the Report of the General Managers for  
the 14 months ending 30th September,  
1919, and electing a Consulting Com-  
mittee and Auditors.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from MON-  
DAY, the 15th December, 1919, until  
SATURDAY, the 20th December, 1919,  
both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES &amp; CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, December 5, 1919.

THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY,  
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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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ber, 1919, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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Agents.

Hongkong, December 15, 1919.

CHINA BORNEO COMPANY,  
LIMITED.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING of the above Com-  
pany will be held at the Office of  
Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON AND  
COMPANY, St. George's Building,  
Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on  
MONDAY, the 29th day of December,  
1919, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon  
for the purpose of considering and, if  
thought fit, passing the following  
Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:1. "That the conditional agreement  
entered into by the Directors of  
the Company in the name and on  
behalf of the Company with  
Harrisons and Crossfield Limited  
dated the 10th day of December  
1919, for the sale of the "under-  
taking property and assets of the  
Company as existing on the 31st  
day of December, 1918, subject  
to its liabilities, for the sum of  
\$225,000 (Eight hundred and  
twenty-five thousand dollars)  
which has been submitted  
to this meeting be and the same  
is hereby ratified and approved  
and that the Directors be and  
they are hereby authorized and  
directed to carry the same  
into effect with full power to  
assent to any modifications in  
the Agreement which they may  
think expedient and in the  
"interests of the Company."Copies of the above mentioned Agree-  
ment can be seen at the Registered  
Office of the Company, St. George's  
Building, Chater Road, Victoria, afore-  
said or at the Offices of Johnson, Stokes  
& Master, the Solicitors to the Com-  
pany, at Prince's Building, 100, House  
Street, Victoria, at any time  
before the said meeting (except SAT-  
URDAYS and SUNDAYS) between  
the hours of 11 A.M. and 4 P.M.And subject to the passing of the  
above Resolution to consider and if  
thought fit, to pass as an Extraordinary  
Resolution the following:—2. "That the Company be wound up  
voluntarily and that Ernest  
Alfred Mountford Williams of  
the firm of Lowe, Bingham and  
Matthews of Chartered Bank  
Building, Queen's Road Central,  
Victoria, be and he is appointed  
Liquidator for the purposes of  
such winding up, at such remun-  
eration as may be arranged  
between the said Harrisons and  
Crossfield Limited and the  
Liquidator."Should the Second Resolution be  
passed by the requisite majority, it  
will be submitted for confirmation as a  
Special Resolution to a Second Extra-  
ordinary General Meeting to be held at  
the above address at twelve o'clock  
noon on THURSDAY the 13th day of  
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## GREAT FIRE IN NANKING.

WELL KNOWN HOTEL A HEAP  
OF ASHES.A very serious conflagration oc-  
curred at Nanking on December 6  
resulting in the total destruction of  
the Nanking Hotel, and accompanied,  
it is feared, by a shocking loss of life.This hotel had opened business but  
a few months ago under foreign con-  
trol and was beginning to be looked  
upon as filling a much needed re-  
quirement in this city. Situated on  
the Hsiakuan Bund front and within  
easy access of all the steamers com-  
panies' hulks, this imposing structure  
was fast becoming a convenience to the  
travelling public, up and down river  
and for those waiting for trans con-  
nections on the Tientsin-Pukou Line.  
It, therefore, came as a great surprise  
to the community when the news  
went round that the building had  
been totally destroyed.The hotel had recently covered in  
the roof garden with a wooden  
structure, which had been fitted out  
as a picture palace. The manage-  
ment had but lately commenced  
giving moving picture shows, and  
it was here that the fire had its  
origin. It is said through defective  
wiring and want of skill in the  
manipulation of the cinema-machine.  
On the first alarm of fire a panic  
ensued and a rush was made for the  
stairways. To add to the general  
panic, the lights in the building were  
extinguished and then ensued a  
terrible struggle for life down the  
all too narrow stairways. The fire  
gained rapidly and the screams,  
curses and wild shouting of hun-  
dreds as they fought and struggled  
in the dark to get away from the  
burning building are beyond con-  
ception. Those who did not know  
their way about were groping to  
find an exit, and it is feared that  
numbers have perished in the flames,  
and their charred bodies lie under  
the debris. Hundreds more have  
been injured more or less seriously.  
A well-dressed Chinese girl was seen  
to clamber over the balustrade of  
the roof-garden, and deliberately  
throw herself into the street; she  
was picked up lifeless. Another,  
a Chinese gentleman of the better  
class, and a representative of a local  
official, who had been dining  
at the hotel and was witnessing the  
cinema show, also threw himself  
into the street and was killed.It is roughly estimated that the  
damage caused will run into about  
Tls. 300,000. The building was  
insured for something like Tls.  
75,000, but additions have been made  
since the risk was entered upon, so  
that Tls. 100,000 would be nearer  
the mark; the hotel furniture and  
appointments were insured for Tls.  
100,000. The Nanking Tobacco Co.,  
which rented offices on the ground  
floor of the building, have also  
suffered considerable loss, saying  
nothing of their office appointments.  
—N.C. Daily News."BETTER SPEECH" FOR  
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"YEE" AND REMEM-  
BER TO SOUND  
THE "GS."This is Better Speech week and  
the slogan is "Watch Your Tongue,"  
says the San Francisco Chronicle  
to hand. The celebration of Ameri-  
can Speech week is national in scope,  
but San Francisco hopes to have a  
more universal observance, as this  
city has the distinction of having the  
largest speech improvement depart-  
ment in its schools in the United  
States.Some of the posters, buttons and  
tags to be displayed have such  
labels as these: Better speech,  
better jobs; say "yes," not "yeh,"  
say "no," not "nope." By their  
speech ye shall know them; Better  
speech for better Americans; Why  
do you leave off your g's?During the week Mrs. Guy Stevens  
Farrington, California representative  
of the National Committee on Ameri-  
can Speech, will lecture before  
schools and clubs on better speech.  
Mrs. Mabel P. Gifford, superintend-  
ent of the speech improvement  
department in the public schools, is  
directing the school plans for cele-  
brating Better Speech week. The  
aims of the plan are:—To hasten the day when all  
Americans shall speak English.  
To counteract the bad influence of  
bad English of the street.  
To develop the idea of clear, force-  
ful and pleasing English.

## LARGEST MILL MOTOR

What is believed to be the largest  
mill motor has been installed in the  
Lake Michigan works of the Inland  
Steel Company of Chicago. The  
motor, with motor generator is de-  
signed for the operation of the  
40-inch blooming mill. The set  
consists of a 3,000 h.p. induction  
motor with a 45-ton flywheel, and  
two direct current generators, each  
of 1,450 k.w. capacity. These figures  
go far to substantiate the claim that  
this is the largest motor of the kind  
at present in service. It has two  
separate and complete sets of wind-  
ing, and is in effect two motors on  
the same shaft, operating as a single  
unit rated at 15,000 h.p. It is  
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40 r.p.m. in one direction to the  
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BETWEEN 3,000 AND 5,000  
HOUSES BEING ERECTED.Land available for building report-  
ed to the Ministry of Health is more  
than sufficient for the 500,000  
houses, which it is the aim of Dr.  
Addison to see erected within three  
years of the resumption of building  
activities, writes a Daily Chronicle  
representative. The latest figures are:—Schemes submitted ..... 5,490  
Houses represented ..... 41,000  
Scheme approved ..... 1,950  
Houses represented ..... 27,500  
Average costs have now been  
worked out by the Ministry from the  
tenders which have received official  
sanction. The results show:—  
For non-parlour type of  
house ..... £647  
Parlour type ..... 768In the first class, house the  
accommodation includes: Living  
room, scullery, and usually three  
bedrooms. These prices are for brick  
buildings, and the cost has to be  
added:—  
Land charges ..... £18  
Street works and sewers ..... 45  
£195 AN ACRE.The average cost of land is £186  
per acre. In county boroughs the  
figure is £212, representing £18 per  
house, and in rural districts £219,  
equivalent to £15 per house.  
Economic rents will be over £1 per  
week, but one-third of this is to be  
written off by the State, which will  
probably have to bear even more of  
the burden.As 90 per cent. of the houses for  
which prices are quoted above are in  
urban districts, it is possible that  
when the full rural programme is  
carried out the cost will be below  
the present average.Between 3,000 and 5,000 houses  
are now in course of erection, chiefly  
in urban areas. In London there are  
1,500 houses which have been found  
adaptable as flats, and work is pro-  
ceeding on these. It is expected that  
in a month's time appreciable pro-  
gress will have been made. In every  
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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

on

**THURSDAY,**

December 18, 1919, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of

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Hongkong, December 16, 1919.

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## NOTICES.

### COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that Sealed Tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDERS FOR QUARRIES" will be received at this Office until Noon MONDAY, the 22nd day of December, 1919, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong, Kowloon, and the New Territories, for one year from the 1st January, 1920.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule hereunder opposite to each quarry, as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the tender be accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender. Forms of tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

### PARTICULARS OF THE QUARRIES.

Quarry Lot No.	Approximate Area in Acres.	Upset Crown Rent.	Deposit with tender.
Test-Tas Mai No. 2	12.02	\$1,700.00	\$250.00
Shaukiwan Nos. 3 & 4	78.15	5,300.00	850.00
(1) Hok On No. 6	8.44	4,500.00	700.00
Ma Tau Kok No. 7	6.70	1,600.00	250.00
Do 8	4.60	1,200.00	200.00
Jordan Road No. 10	4.65	1,300.00	220.00
Ngau Tan Kok No. 6	2.22	600.00	130.00
Do Nos. 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 19, 20 & 25	10.80	2,100.00	350.00
Do Nos. 9, 11-14, 21 & 22	3.90	300.00	55.00
Cha Kwo Liang Nos. 1-30	24.55	2,500.00	410.00
Sai To Wan Nos. 1-16	16.53	500.00	80.00
Lyman Nos. 1-25	28.44	2,300.00	480.00
Do No. 23	2.10	400.00	65.00
Fuk Tsun Heng No. 12	4.85	1,400.00	220.00

(1) The tenderer for Hok On Quarry Lot No. 6 will also have to include in his tender the sum of \$100.00 towards the cost of constructing a wall to prevent damage to K. L. S. 1392 & 1223.

(2) The tenderer for Ma Tau Kok Quarry Lot No. 8 will also have to include the sum of \$100.00 towards the cost of constructing a channel to prevent damage to the Government Slaughter House at Ma Tau Kok.

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Hongkong, December 16, 1919.

### ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, December 23, 1919, at 5.15 p.m.

(a) To receive from the Committee a report (Balance Sheet and Statement of accounts for the year ended Sept. 30, 1919).

(b) To elect Officers and other members of the Committee in the place of the retiring members thereof.

(c) To decide on any resolution which may have been submitted to the meeting.

By Order,

J. W. FRANKS,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 16, 1919.

### NOTICE.

ATTENTION is drawn to the fact that, under the Army Act, a Soldier cannot be placed under stoppages of pay for a private debt. Tradesmen and others, who supply soldiers to contract debts, do so at their own risk.

C. LESLIE SMITH,

Major.











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## ADMISSION OF WOMEN TO UNIVERSITIES.

## OPINION AT OXFORD.

The official announcement that the University of Oxford had taken the opinion of eminent counsel as to the proposed admission of women to membership of the university and to degrees in the university has been the subject of much discussion recently says a correspondent to the Daily Telegraph.

The president of Magdalen (Sir Herbert Warren, K.C.V.O.) stated: "It should be understood that what the university is being asked to consider is not in terms whether it will or will not promote the admission of women to degrees, but only wishes to have it made quite clear whether it has or has not the power to confer degrees on women should it at any time desire to do so. The decree to be proposed is to the effect that the burgesses of the university be requested to promote such Parliamentary legislation as may be necessary in order to ensure that the university has power to provide, if it shall think fit, by means of a statute made by itself, for the matriculation of women and their admission to degrees and to other rights and privileges of the university."

"Those who vote in favour of this decree are not necessarily committed to use the power should it be obtained, and it is probable that some may vote for it who have not made up their minds to use it. The opinion of learned counsel was that the university has the power, but, as there is a possible doubt, they recommend resort to legislation to clear up the question. I myself am not one of those who hesitate to be committed, for I have felt clearly for many years that women ought to be admitted to enjoy the degrees and privileges and status in the university side by side with men. The time seems to me more ripe and opportune than ever for granting this, and I myself desire to see the conferment carried out by the University of Oxford itself of its own motion in a careful and considerate manner, but without delay."

The master of University College (Dr. R. W. Macan) said: "The university, having not merely admitted women to its examinations, but having recognised their residence in Oxford and made provision for their instruction and discipline, I think the admission of women to degrees on the same terms as men is both inevitable and just. I should like to add just this remark—the membership of women in the university will also serve a good purpose in marking the distinction between the general university interests and particular collegiate organisation." The Warden of Wadham (Mr. Joseph Wells) said: "I supported degrees for women twenty-five years ago, the last time the question came up, and will support it again."

## AN EXILE'S RACE WITH DEATH.

## VAIN WISH TO SEE HIS NATIVE CITY.

How a ship's surgeon sought strenuously to keep a sick old man alive, that he might realise his desire to see his native city of Edinburgh before he died, was related at Liverpool, wires the Daily Chronicle correspondent, on the arrival of the Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of Britain." Twenty years ago the Scotman lost his fortune of £20,000 by rash speculation and went to America to retrieve himself. He gained considerably in the Yukon goldfields, but lost his health in pursuit of wealth.

At the age of seventy, broken in body, he had but one ambition left—to look upon "Auld Reekie" once again before he left this world.

Dr. Calhoun, the surgeon on the "Empress of Britain," interested himself in the old man's case. He realised the traveller to the "land of the lost" was in a critical condition and resolved, if it was humanly possible, to keep him in life until he could set foot in Edinburgh.

Just after leaving Quebec, seas, cerebral trouble developed, followed by paralysis and unconsciousness. Two nights the devoted doctor sat up with the patient, but on the fourth day of the voyage death won.

## DUKE OF RUTLAND'S PROPERTY.

The principal portion of the Duke of Rutland's estate in Bakewell and district, practically 30,000 acres, is earmarked for disposal, says the Daily Telegraph. It extends as far as Do e and Toller with Hathersage, in the north of Derbyshire, to Brampton and to Rowley in the south. There is considerable property in Bakewell, Haddon Hall, places of interest, and probably Stanton Woodhouse, occupied by the Marquis of Granby, Lorgehaw Lodge, and many other shooting, will all be retained. It is believed that certain property may be disposed of privately to tenants, but at present nothing has been officially decided.

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## THE DIARY OF A HONGKONG LADY.

(Continued from yesterday.)

The town of Dixmude itself is naturally in ruins. There was a portion of the town on either side of the river, but by far the biggest portion was on the left bank. Here stand a few pieces of wall, all that remain of churches, town hall and houses; this had been the biggest place we had visited since we left Middlekerke. Some day, I suppose in the future it may be a large flourishing town again, but to the Belgians it must, as the little baker said, require "beaucoup de courage" to be able to look forward to that day, looking upon the woeful scene of Dixmude as it is now.

From there we drove through the same desolate country, every now and then over patches of boarding, which had been put over shell holes in the road. In some places, the whole width of the road had been carried away by a mine, and there a new road had been made round either side of it, the mine crater being filled off with a rough wooden rail. After going along the Dixmude-Ypres road for some miles we turned sharp to the left and found ourselves in the Forest of Hauhuist or what had once been a forest, as the trees had all gone except for stumps seven or eight feet high, the rest of the tree having been cut off by shells. This forest which had been a very important spot during the war, as it was on a slight ridge and commanded the country towards Ypres, was heavily shelled. Except for a clearing here and there the underwood was green and thick and well-nigh impossible to penetrate, as you must be able to see where to put your feet, or you would fall into the holes made by the shells. Here a halt was called and we prepared to have our lunch of sandwiches. There was no cinder of fallen trees to sit upon, alas! Those, and the wild shaped stumps and the ground pitted with holes, were the only things left to indicate the terrible battle that had been waged here on this very spot. Another thing of course one noticed, was the intense stillness. No birds sang, as there were none to sing, and thus there seemed an uncanny stillness, which spoke only too forcibly everywhere we went that we were in the land of the dead. In many parts they are still bringing in the dead daily, some of them have lain hidden in the long grass, and some in pits and holes.

After about half an hour's stop, we got into our lumbering vehicles again and went down the Ypres Road to Poelcapelle. The scene between the two places being much as I have already described. We passed on the way a camp of the Chinese Labour Corps, clearing up the debris. They say it takes 12 months to clear three square miles.

Our way led now over a stretch of road entirely composed of planks, placed there, partly because it had been so cut up with shells and partly because of the terrible condition of the road, the mud and slush preventing the motor traffic from getting along. This we saw amply illustrated at Poelcapelle, where we came across several tanks half buried in what had once been mud, but which was now dry and hard. There the poor things were lying, some of them well battered. They had been put out of action in October 1917, by the German guns. Leaving Poelcapelle behind, we went on to Ypres, once a beautiful old Flemish city, now not a single house standing. Madame Chevallier (the Belgian general's daughter, who was with us) told me that she had considered that Ypres was far finer than Bruges, as the latter had nothing to come up to the magnificent old Cloth Hall.

We stopped in the large paved square in which the Cloth Hall stands, and it was truly a sad sight that met our gaze. Nothing but ruin everywhere. Or our right the ruins of the fine old Cloth Hall, with the Cathedral at the back of it, at the end of which had been some very beautiful old Flemish houses. Now nothing remains of them, and upon that spot is now erected a very hideous wooden Church Army hut. There are still the remains of the tower and a portion of the walls of the Cloth Hall, and a few bits of the beautiful tracery remain to indicate a little the beauty of the workmanship destroyed. We had to climb over a mountain of rubble and blocks of stone to be able to get a good view of the beautiful old archway of the Cathedral, a good deal of which still remains intact and is very fine; but it was impossible to enter either of the buildings as the Cloth Hall was guarded. It was not deemed safe for people to go in, for fear some of the masonry should fall, much of it being in a very unsafe condition still. There was apparently no guard over the Cathedral ruins and as most of the walls had come down there was nothing of any great height remaining; but it was difficult to get inside what was left of it because of the mass of stone work piled up high. Many of the streets were entirely obliterated. There was no telling where one began and another ended, and one just walked over heaps of debris, once houses, and not a single portion of wall remaining. We could often see by what lay beneath our feet, the various shops that had once stood there. At one place we came upon a heap of sewing machines and bicycles; at another, a mass of

broken crockery, all telling their tale. Madame Chevallier told me that she had tried to find the house of a friend, which she had known quite well. There was no street and no house remaining. She recognised a portion of the banisters of the staircase lying among the debris where the house had been, and that was all that she found of it. It was the house of a lawyer, a man over sixty, and he is now going to start life afresh in the Belgian Congo. To anyone who knew and loved the place it must be heartrending to see it in this ruined condition. They are, I believe, going to leave the Cloth Hall and Cathedral as they are, as a monument to our men.

There are still a good many British Tommies to be seen there. They have joined up again in order to collect and bury the dead that are still lying out on the battlefields, and also to exhume those in the graves that are scattered all over the fighting area, laying them in cemeteries prepared for them. As we drove through the country we noticed solitary graves all the way, where the poor men had been buried where they had fallen, with just little wooden crosses to mark the spot.

We spent rather more than an hour at Ypres wandering about among the ruins, and left again in our jolly conveyance for Poperinghe, or "Pop" as it is commonly known in the British Army. The country between that and Ypres is a little less devastated, owing to the Huns having been kept to the further side of Ypres all the time. There were live trees, which we hadn't seen since we left Ostende, and the ground was under cultivation. The few farms we passed en route were intact, except for an occasional wall shattered by a shell. Many of the houses had shot and shell marks all over them, but after what we had passed through, this seemed but slight in comparison. Poperinghe, I suppose, is a typical small Flemish town, with narrow streets paved with cobble stones. We rattled noisily through the little town to "Hotel Skindies," which before the war was a quiet little Belgian inn kept by, I think, two sisters, who seemed exceedingly charming and capable young women. Since the war it has become the officers' club, and in the evening it is thronged with British and Belgian officers, who after their day's work is over, come in here from Ypres and the camps round for some recreation. British-like they insisted upon the Belgian name being changed for an English one. With a name like "Skindies" it would sound more attractive, so "Skindies" it became, and I expect will remain for many years to come! It is a very fine old house, right on the street, and before the present people had it, belonged to Lieut. Moneror's grandfather. He took me and Madame Chevallier into the beautiful old kitchen, with all its bright Flemish brass pots, of quaint design, upon a window sill which ran the whole length of one side of the room, the window being high enough to be out of the way of all furniture, and to prevent the maids from looking out, and so waste their time! We were all doled out a card with the number of our bedroom, according to whether we wanted a double or single one. Some of the men had to go out into the town, as there was not room for us all, and we were in all directions. "I was in the stable yard, up an exceedingly narrow and steep staircase, in the tiniest of rooms looking down into a dank pond, but it was clean, which, after all, was all that mattered. The bed was remarkably comfortable. As we were covered with a thick coating of dust from head to foot, everything had to be shaken out of the window and I rather feared I should drop some precious garment into the pond below. It was almost worth while getting into such a state of grime to feel clean again. The girls were very well off in a nice big room in the hotel itself. The dinner was a little late, as the fish hadn't yet come in, but it was delicious when we did get it, as was the whole dinner, to which we all, I think, did ample justice, as we were very hungry after our long day. Dinner over, the tables were cleared and removed from the two rooms, which were divided by large folding doors, and dancing commenced, with Madame Chevallier at the piano, till an officer turned up who could play dance music. Miss Maunder told me that the officers look forward to these fortnightly little dances, which they usually have, if there are any young ones in the party passing through. My two charges enjoyed themselves immensely, but as we had all had a long and tiring day, we did not keep it up beyond 11.30.

Sunday.—Up at 6 o'clock next morning and breakfasted on coffee and nice flat round scones and at 7.30 we were once more on the road. The first place we came to was Westoutre, a small town south of Poperinghe, which had been terribly knocked about by the Germans in the March offensive of 1918, especially the Church. A good deal of the walls are still standing, but most of the roof and the interior of the Church have been destroyed. In October 1914 the Germans occupied the place for nine days. Before they entered the Burgomaster and Curé told the people to bring their clothes and valuables into the Church where they would be safe. So packed in large wooden boxes they brought their possessions, and a guard was placed over them. However, on the entry of the Germans the guard was overpowered, picked up a hand grenade. Fortunately

the boxes broken open, the things making off with anything of value and the clothes were strewn all over the Church, where they still remain, as the Church is left in exactly the same condition as it was after the Germans went in 1914. A pitiful sight it is, and difficult to describe the state of chaos existing there, stone, bricks, broken up chairs, clothing, all thick upon the ground so that it was impossible to see any trace of the original flooring. Those two simple souls, the Burgomaster and Curé, little knew the people who were invading their land, if they imagined that anything placed in the Church, the Germans would regard as sacred! They took the Curé prisoner and the Burgomaster they had threatened to shoot if he didn't leave the town. For the nine days they were there in possession, he lived out in the fields and every night used to sink back into the town to see how his people were faring and to exhort them to keep their courage up, regardless that if he were caught he would be shot at once. The Curé was there in the Church and said he quite hoped to be able to rebuild his Church in time. A good many of the people had already returned and were living in portions of their ruined homes. Driving on through wretchedly destroyed country we came to Canada Corner, so named from the Canadians having fought there in 1915. It was also later known as Hyde Park Corner. There had once been a small hamlet here, but all sign of that had gone, but for a few bricks lying round. This corner had changed hands almost daily, owing to the very severe fighting which took place. It is only 20 miles from the French border. Behind us was a hill called Mt. Rouge and Mt. Scharpenback was in front to our right. A little further up the road we got out and wandered on to the battlefield, being told to be very careful not to pick up any explosives, as there are still quantities of hand grenades and unspent shells lying everywhere. Several of us picked up empty shell cases, it being home and found unspent cartridges, which we were told were all right to pick up. We drove on through what had once been a fine avenue of trees, to the little village of "La Clytte." Nothing remains of this. Only a wooden hut now marks the spot. A mile or so further down the road are the ruins of Kemmel, a large village, with two hills at the back of it, from whence a fine view is obtained of the surrounding country. The village of course is in ruins, but the country folk are gradually finding their way back to their old homes and there are several wooden huts, in what was once the main street.

Here we all alighted and turned into the road to our right. Before the war this was merely a sheep track, but is now quite a wide road from having been perpetually pounded by shot and shell, as up this track were taken guns and men to Kemmel Hill. The Germans knowing this, kept up a lively fusillade all along the road, which our men named the Gordon Road. It was a gentle rise most of the way to the base of the two hills, the smaller of which we climbed to the top. It is only really a large mound. The other, Mt. Kemmel itself, is quite a considerable hill, and has a fine view for miles round. From our smaller hill we saw a considerable distance to the north and north-east, the tower of Ypres Cloth Hall, and the white ruins shining out plainly in the sun, and to the right of that the Menin Road, and over that vast tract of country just about a dozen new brick roofs. Miss Maunder said that when she visited this part in the early spring there was not a sign of a single house and she said she saw a wonderful difference in the landscape, of life gradually appearing again. There is of course no cultivation at present, and it is to be feared that there will be many casualties during the process of ploughing up the ground, owing to such a quantity of shells and hand grenades having been buried just below the surface. As we walked up the road to the hills, there was debris of all descriptions lying on either side of us, gun carriages, and quantities of unspent ammunition, and when we got off the road to go up the hill it was the same there, and one had to be careful not to catch one's foot in the remains of barbed wire, and telephone wire, or to kick a hand grenade by mistake. Before leaving the road Lieut. Moneror asked us to be very careful not to touch anything, there being still so many explosives lying about. The top of the hill was one mass of large shell craters, and the face of the hill to the road was composed of dugouts burrowed in the sand, not substantial ones as the Germans built wherever they managed to stop for a little while. Our heavy guns were to the rear of Mt. Kemmel, and on top of the hill was a tripod, which gave the direction for the guns, that till stand there. What struck me very forcibly when we were standing quietly gazing over these vast battlefields, was the immense distance one could see from any little ridge, there being no trees or buildings to obstruct the view, and the intense stillness, not a sound, no birds, or cattle or distant dogs. I should very much like to go back there in a few years time to see what progress has been made. On descending again over the rough ground, one of our party walking immediately in front of me, stopped down and

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SPORTS.  
TENNIS.  
88TH CO. R.G.A. BEAT KOWLOON.

The 88th Company, R.G.A., gained a comfortable victory over Kowloon in the Hard Courts Tennis League, during the week end. The scores were as follows:—Major C. L. Hickling, D.S.O., and Capt. C. O. Oliver beat Messrs. Ralston and Stevens 8-3; beat Messrs. Henderson and Frost 8-3; beat Messrs. Kay and Stark 8-2.

Captain P. H. Davies, M.C., and C.S.M. Pragnell lost to Ralston and Stevens 3-8; lost to Kay and Stark 5-8; beat Henderson and Frost 6-5.

C.Q.M.S. Talford and Sergt. Major Davis lost to Ralston and Stevens 3-8; beat Kay and Stark 9-2; beat Henderson and Frost 8-2.

Total—88th C.R.G.A. 60 games; Kowloon 39 games.

## CRICKET.

It has, for many years past, been the custom for the Hongkong Cricket Club to meet the United Services on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, a return match being played on New Year's Day and the following day. This year, however, by a happy chance, Dec. 27 has been made a Bank Holiday, and the following five days' cricket has been arranged including a Triangular Tournament between the Hongkong Cricket Club, Garrison, and Navy on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground. Three two-day matches will be played:—

Dec. 28 and 29.—H.K.C.C. v. Garrison.

Dec. 29 and 30.—Garrison v. Navy.

Dec. 30 and 31.—H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v. C.R.C.C. (Away).

Jan. 3.—H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v. University (Home).

Jan. 4 and 5.—Navy v. H.K.C.C.

On form the Garrison should carry off premier honours. The Club batting will be strengthened by the inclusion of Mr. Hancock, A. A. Claxton, and A. E. Wood, but the Club bowling seems hardly equal to the strain of two-day matches. The Garrison is stronger in bowling than batting, while the Navy, with its many arrivals, is an unknown quantity.

Given fine weather, however, some keen and interesting cricket should take place, and it is hoped to wind up the festival with a smoking concert on January 5.

The following are the Club teams:—1st XI v. Garrison.—R. Hancock (capt.), T. E. Pearce, A. A. Claxton, A. E. Wood, R. Brand, A. B. Raworth, E. W. Day, E. J. R. Mitchell, C. W. S. Johnstone, D. E. Donnelly and R. P. Thurstfield.

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2nd XI v. C.R.C.—F. Sutton (capt.), R. A. Green, T. J. J. Fenwick, P. G. de Paravicini, A. Burnie, C. C. Stark, L. D. McNicoll, E. P. Lammert, L. M. Whyte, J. D. Humphreys, A. K. MacKenzie and W. W. MacKenzie.

2nd XI v. University.—R. P. Thurstfield (capt.), F. Sutton, R. A. Green, T. J. J. Fenwick, P. G. de Paravicini, C. C. Stark, L. D. McNicoll, E. P. Lammert, L. M. Whyte, J. D. Humphreys, A. K. MacKenzie and W. W. MacKenzie.

All matches will start at 10 a.m. sharp.

ly he was on a line with Lieut. Moneror who told him to put it down at once, whereat he was going to fling it from him but Lieut. Moneror managed, fortunately for us, to shout to him in time, "put it down gently" or many of us would have been blown to bits. He said to me afterwards that he dread taking these parties over this dangerous ground, as although they are all told beforehand not to pick up explosives, there are generally some idiots among the party who don't realise the seriousness of disobeying these orders. When we got back to the village, we went into one of the wooden houses and had some very good and refreshing coffee, as we had got hot and dusty with our walk, but we hadn't time to think of any discomforts during the journey, as our minds were taken up with the intense interest of everything. Under ordinary circumstances one might have felt the jolting of those springless lorries.

(To be continued.)

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## KOWLOON COMMENTS.

[BY THE KOWLOONATIC.]

The match played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, last Sunday, viz Scotland versus England, resulted in a win for England, by four points.

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Golf Section, has arranged a match for Christmas morning, at King's Park. There will be a tiffin at the club-house after the play.

An application has been sent in to the Government for permission to use one of the schoolrooms of the Kowloon British School for the purpose of holding the meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association. No reply has so far been received.

Prior to the holding of the meeting, a circular will be sent to all residents in Kowloon outlining the resolutions to be placed before the meeting.

Worshipful Brother W. Higby was installed Master of Lodge Eastern Scotia (Kowloon), last night. Worshipful Brother Morgan, I.P.M., officiated. A banquet at the Hongkong Hotel followed.

This is the third time Worshipful Brother Higby has occupied the Eastern Chair of Lodge Eastern Scotia.

There will be a Christmas party at the Kowloon British School, on Friday next, at 4.30 p.m. Tea and other refreshments for the grown-ups will be provided and crackers, etc., for the scholars. Afterwards there will be a cinematograph entertainment in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, which has been kindly lent by the Vestry for the occasion. No invitations are being sent out and the function will be quite informal.

Mr. J. Oxberry, the enterprising manager of the Palace Hotel, is fitting up a new lounge adjacent to the dining room of the Hotel. It will be furnished with due regard to the comfort of the guests and when complete, will make an attractive addition to the premises.

We understand that "Hekenschmidt" will be specially deputed to wait on patrons of the Lounge.

"Roderick Random" does some straight talking, in our senior morning contemporary, to-day. We quite agree with him that the "sepulchral silence" as to what is being done towards the settlement of the many problems held over is calculated to get on one's nerves. Particularly is this felt in Kowloon with regard to the housing problem.

We have tried to convince the Government that a hotel will not solve the difficulty and we think we have given very good reasons for the views expressed. Whether cognizance has been taken of our remarks, nobody knows and as far as we are aware, the hotel will be built.

There is another strong argument against the hotel and that is, it will not provide anything in the shape of "home life," which we believe, one of the principal reasons people have sought residence in Kowloon.

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn stated that the Government had come to the conclusion that the greater majority of people of Kowloon preferred hotel life. Of course they do, when they cannot get homes at reasonable rentals. But provide them with the latter and there would be an overwhelming vote against the former.

"Wait and See."—We have waited and still don't see. When are our eyes going to be opened?

## VIGNETTES OF HONGKONG.

VIII.

My friend the Duchess is a little thoughtless in her expressions, but her heart is of gold.

It has been my custom to take to her what troubles I had, for sympathy, and relief—not necessarily comic. On the day of which I speak I had been complaining of the senseless gossip of the village dames.

"Mrs. Dash," I had said, "will talk of nothing but the virtues of her cook-boy." "Perhaps to distract your attention from her own," the Duchess had replied.

"Miss Comma talked with me quite connectedly about winter underclothing."

"How many mirrors has she in her bedroom?" enquired my friend. "I didn't think she had it in her."

"She hadn't," I said. "Mrs. Stop told me of her husband's difficulty in finding his collar-stud before the Ball."

"Had he been too successful in finding other things?" she asked.

"I heard a discussion on killing rats, and the best way was said to be to put paraffin down their holes."

"First catch your rat," said the Duchess.

My friend, the Duchess is a little thoughtless in her expressions but her heart is of gold.

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## DEATH OF N.Y.K. TAIWAN AT SHANGHAI.

Mr. Tokugaki Irukuyama, Manager of the Shanghai branch of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and member of the Municipal Council, died on Dec. 10 after a very brief illness. Deceased, who was 52 years of age, leaves a wife and two sons. Mr. Irukuyama took a prominent part in affairs: He was born in Iwateken, Hokkaido, in 1867, and entered the Imperial University at Tokyo, graduating in Law in 1895 and in that year joining the Nippon Yusen Company. He was shortly afterwards transferred to London and three years later went to Shanghai, taking the position of assistant manager and serving in that capacity until 1900. He next went to the head office at Tokyo, and thence to Chemulpo and Bombay, finally returning to Shanghai in 1916 to take charge of the company's affairs there.

His many good qualities rapidly gained for him a leading position, and when Baron Fujimura retired from the Municipal Council in July of last year, Mr. Irukuyama was invited to succeed him and later his appointment was confirmed by election. In addition to his services on the Council, he did excellent work as a member of the Consultative Board of the Whangpoo Conservancy and was chairman of the Executive Committee of the Japanese Resident's Corporation in Shanghai.

At a meeting of the Municipal Council on Dec. 10 the Chairman Mr.

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E. C. Pearce, spoke in feeling terms of the death of Mr. Irukuyama. He referred to the excellent public service which he had rendered as a member of the Council, a member of the Finance Committee, and as the Council's representative on the special Vice Committee, and observed that a spirit of co-operation and good will had consistently characterized his relations with his colleagues.

It was resolved to send up, expression of the Council's deep regret and sincere sympathy with Mrs. Irukuyama and the members of the family, and to record the same in the minutes.







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## DOGS OF WAR.

## A VALIANT RETRIEVER.

Lieut. Col. E. H. Richardson, R.E., writing in the *Daily Telegraph* on the work of dogs in the war says—  
Directly under my personal care were Buller (Airedale), Trick (collie), and Nell (setter bitch). At the outset Buller was somewhat inconsistent, but in a very short time he blossomed out into a very fine working dog and did some very fine running. He carried messages, such as requisitions for ammunition, material, food, and the most common, but not the least important—the situation reports.

When the Australian troops were making repeated attacks on the fronts between Villers-Bretonneux about April and May the service of Trick was repeatedly and specially in demand, and on various occasions on that front he brought back the first messages on the progress of the attacks, and also requests for further materials necessary for the successful carrying out of operations. On one occasion special mention was made in divisional orders of the good work done by Trick and another dog, called Willard, on the front of the left of Corbie. On that occasion Trick and Willard brought back the first message of an important and successful operation by the Australian troops. By his good work Trick was always sought out by any signalling officer when any message of importance and urgency was to be sent, and never one did he prove untrustworthy.

A black retriever dog called Dick had a wonderful record, worthy of the V.C. While carrying a message in the Villers-Bretonneux sector he was wounded very severely in the back and shoulder. The dog completed his run in good spirit, and was ultimately sent to the section kennel for treatment from the veterinary officer. As no foreign bodies could be located in the wounds they were stitched up, and he was soon healed up and at work again. He did his runs in the line as well as before and seemed all right when moved to the 8th Corps. A day or two after moving, the dog was seen to be suffering, and the attention of the vet. was called to his state. After a few days' observation, the veterinary officer concluded there was some foreign body in the wound, and so, as poor Dick was on the point of death, he was ordered to be destroyed.

At the post-mortem examination it was discovered that a rifle bullet was resting between the shoulder and body, while near the small of the back a piece of shrapnel was found lodged close to the spine. Through all his sufferings the dog carried out his duties cheerfully and most faithfully until he was overtaken by death.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

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Kailan Mining Adm. — 90 n.  
Langkat — 114 n.  
Shanghai Loans — 114 n.  
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West Point — 430 n. 430 n.  
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Ewo Cottons — 4450 n.  
Kung Ties — 4350 n.  
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Oriental — 4330 n.  
Shanghai Cottons — 4330 n.  
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